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would make it clear that if Lancaster County Agricultural Society wished to build anything on the fairgrounds with agreement with the Board of Agriculture and the County Fair both, that it could be done. And the reason for it, is it may be necessary some additional facilities may be added so the County Fair can be held while the horse races are being run. So the bill is corrective in it will clarify that it could be done, where now it's possible but it's not really clear that we could in the event that we need to. Senator Schmit indicated I did offer the amendment to the bill that dealt with the State Board of Agriculture and the committee felt and I would agree that it would be more appropriate to have a separate bill. I did not know that in time for the introduction to have had it drafted.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Schmit, do you wish the closing argument?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have no closing, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall this request be granted and the bill be introduced. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 not voting, Mr. President. (Read Req. No. 546, found on page 391 of the Journal).

PRESIDENT: Senator Dennis Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body. The statement of intent is on your desk. As we all know, we have letters constantly throughout our years that, problems with the Fire Marshall office. This, hopefully, is to try and make the inspection enforcement of standards equal across the state. I would request that with your help we will work on this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have a question of Senator Rasmussen. Senator Rasmussen, this bill it seems to me deals with the problem, not with the Fire Marshall's office, but with the situation where a locality wants to have a more stringent or a higher standard of safety than that required by the Fire Marshall's. I think it comes down to matter of whether a locality should have the right to set its own standards of safety if they exceed those of the state or should the state, which might deal in rural and other areas and with other types of buildings that may not require this standard. Whether that state standard should be imposed and disregarded what the locality wants. Is that a more correct statement of the bills intent?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Chambers, you and I both went over the bill that day in committee. That day I had apprehensions myself, but really if we're going to do this thing for all the people then let's take a shot at it. If it goes down, fine and if it doesn't, why fine, too, Senator Chambers. This is an Omaha bill, you and I know that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. I just want the record to be clear what the issue is. It does not relate to a problem with the Fire Marshall's office. It's a matter of Omaha wanting to establish a higher standard of safety as far as fire is concerned, than the Fire Marshall's office. I say this in order that nobody will get the impression that